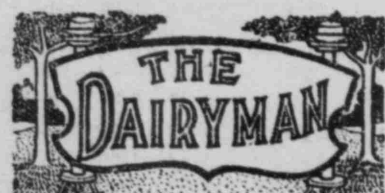


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The silo has in recent years simplified winter dairymaking, and no man can well do without it who expects to make his cows do well in winter, writes C. T. Lawson in American Cultivator. This is the best substitute for the summer food yet devised. It supplies the necessary amount of moist, succulent food which the cows demand to make good milk. But the ensilage must be good, sweet and nourishing. The failure to obtain good ensilage one year is no good reason to abandon it the next.

With good ensilage, plenty of root crops and fine hay and some grain the dairyman can make his profits double in winter. Roots are too little raised. They may not supply nourishment for fat and muscle, but they are essential for a good milk supply. Fed with hay and grain they almost take the place of ensilage. But with roots, hay, grain and ensilage we have almost a complete substitute for the best June grass. Properly planned and raised, these four component parts of the winter feeding need not be so expensive that the margin of profits is narrowed. Indeed, they can be raised and fed in winter at less actual cost than the ordinary feed of hay and grain which some dairymen hold as their stock winter feed. By having the ensilage and roots the grain food can be reduced more than one-half without causing any falling off in the quantity or quality of the winter milk.

Success With Clover.
I am having very good success with clover, although I do not grow as much as I ought, says Lester E. Warner in New England Homestead. Dairy farmers are using more and more each succeeding year. If there are any failures, it is due to late seeding and extreme dry, hot weather. I usually seed in the spring with oats, using one-third clover and two-thirds timothy. The seed is turned under and planted to corn the first year. The next year I plant with potatoes, using stable manure, about forty two horse loads per acre, and seed down the next spring. The after feed I usually use, not allowing any other feed. Last spring I seeded about one acre with orchard grass and alfalfa, one bushel orchard grass and ten pounds alfalfa, as an experiment.

Seamless Cheese Boxes.
Some of the Watertown (N. Y.) pulp mills are perfecting machinery for the purpose of manufacturing cheese boxes out of pulp. They will be made without seams, the whole box, except cover, being pressed out of a sheet of pulp. The cover will also be made in the same way.

Corn Smut.
Gamage, conducting experiments for the department of agriculture, Washington, years ago fed forty pounds of corn smut to two cows without ill effects, says W. A. Henry in Breeder's Gazette. More recently the department of agriculture fed corn smut to heifers likewise without ill effects. At the Michigan station Smith fed corn smut to four cows. The maximum daily allowance reached eleven pounds of smut per cow. When this allowance was reached, one cow showed indisposition for a time, but soon returned to normal health. At the Wisconsin station the writer fed carefully cleaned smut to two cows. When the allowance reached thirty-two ounces per day, one cow refused to eat more. The other cow continued to eat more and more until she was consuming sixty-four ounces per day and was fattening rapidly upon the fair grain ration given. Then death suddenly ensued.

It is certain that under ordinary conditions smut is not injurious to cattle. It is possible that in certain years or with certain animals it may be poisonous or that certain animals become abnormal in appetite and seek large quantities of smut in the stalkfields and consuming this brings on trouble or death. More experiments are needed.

Curing Cheese.
Curing is one of the important processes of cheese manufacture. The cheeses should be placed in a room which can be kept at a uniform temperature of 65 to 70 degrees. They should be turned at least once a day and thoroughly rubbed with the hand. Some advise removing the cloth as soon as the cheeses are put on the shelves, while others suggest leaving it on until ready for shipment. While new it is a good practice to turn the cheeses twice a day.

Feed Is So High Priced.
H. F. Potter, president Connecticut Dairyman's association, says there are so many causes to make the cost price vary that it would be very difficult to give a correct estimate. I have no figures whereby I could make anything like a true statement of what it costs me to make a quart of milk. I am milking forty-seven cows at present and am free to say that the cost of feed is so high that there is very little profit from my herd.

Winter Dairymaking.
Cows must be kept healthy and sleek and have pure air to breathe or they cannot yield a good volume of rich, nutritious milk.

A cow that is kept constantly stalled in a dark, close, and free from fresh air is sure to be sick and free from milk.

ROAD MONEY WASTED.

Working Out Highway Taxes Produce No Lasting Results.

Commenting on the highway law of the Empire State, the New York Times in a recent issue said: The legislation heretofore enacted for the improvement of the roads of the state is good as far as it goes, but it is not likely to go very far in the lifetime of the youngest of our readers. It provides for state aid to towns that are willing to contribute their part to better roads built under the direction of the state. Up to the present time we believe that only 300 miles of the 5,000 in the state are benefited by this law. The highway alliance, whose purpose is to "increase the usefulness of highways," proposes that the plan now in operation in towns generally shall be



HARD ROAD TO TRAVEL.

so changed that the resources available, which are very considerably, shall be applied under state direction.

At present each property owner is required to pay his share of the amount voted for roads, but is at liberty to work out the tax at the rate of one day's labor for each dollar due by him. The work, whether voluntary or hired, is done when and where the path master and the highway commissioner may direct. The change urged is that all payment of road taxes in labor shall be done away with, that all taxes shall be paid in money and that the money shall be expended under the direction of the skilled and trained officials of the state.

There can be no doubt that this arrangement would secure very much better return for the money of the various towns than is got at present. No one need be a great traveler in the interior of our state to know that the general condition of the roads is bad and that the badness is tremendously costly. It is quite common to see a fairly good road passing from the area of one town become a wretched road in the next, and the proportion of the latter is many times greater than that of the former.

As a rule the actual cost of the decent roads is not appreciably larger than that of the bad ones. The money is used in one case and wasted in the other. The plan suggested would not increase, as we understand it, the amount collected for roads. It would simply secure an immensely better return for it. And this return would be in the definite shape of economy and profit for the residents of the towns as well as for the community generally.

It has been estimated that improvement in roads steadily used, which should save only 10 per cent of the wear and tear of horses and wagons and of the time of men employed, would save to the average farmer from \$50 to \$100 a year. It is not at all unreasonable to infer that the plan proposed would effect such an improvement. As it would not cost the country residents a cent more in expenditure, it ought to be popular if it is once understood.

NEED OF GOOD ROADS.

They Cost Money, but in the End Are Cheaper Than Poor Ones.

The greatest need of the country is good roads. To have good roads we must have a good road law, says Texas Farm and Ranch. To have a good road law the people who use roads must be made to comprehend their value. Then they will demand of state and county legislators to proceed to solve the problem.

Good roads cost money, and myopic taxpayers have objected to any practical system on that account, whereas bad roads cost a great deal more than good roads. There is no lack of facts and figures to prove this statement true. Railroads, telegraphs and telephones are great modern agencies of civilization, and if there is an exception to the rule that civilization follows these institutions we have failed to find it or hear of it. But bad country roads greatly retard the civilization process, besides levying the heaviest tax known to civilization.

Rural mail delivery is largely dependent upon the character of our roads, and would be well nigh impracticable on the muddy lanes of the Texas black wax section in wet weather. Therefore, to enjoy the benefits of a daily mail, our people must go to work systematically to make better roads. What matters it if a road costs \$5,000, \$10,000 or even \$10,000 per mile, if, after it is made, every person who uses it will feel glad that the expenditure was made?

Plant Trees by the Roadside.

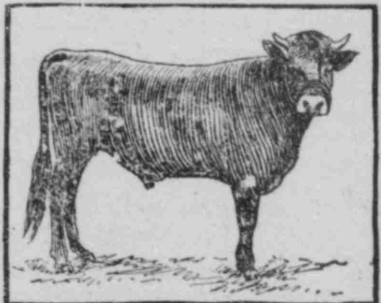
How much and at what little cost could the roadways of the country leading to the large cities be beautified if each farmer should give a little time to the planting of trees and shrubbery along the way?

WELL BRED JERSEY BULL.

Details of How Melia Ann's King Was Bred to Order.

George E. Peck says in regard to the young bull pictured: "It might be stated that Melia Ann's King 56581 was bred to order. Having purchased his sire, I bred him to Lottie Melia Ann 100775, who is a sister of Pride's Olga fourth, with a test of 77 pounds 1/2 ounces from 420 pounds 9 ounces milk, both being sired by the same bull, with hopes of securing a bull fit to head my herd. In this my expectations were fully realized, and Melia Ann's King was the result. Next to his famous sire he is the highest standard bred pure St. Lambert-Melia Ann bull living and the only one with 50 per cent of old Melia Ann's blood."

The picture was taken in his seven-month form. His sire was Melia



MELIA ANN'S KING 56581.

Ann's Son 22041, he in turn being sired by Lucy's Stoke Pogis 11544 and out of the great old cow Melia Ann 5444, who has a butter record of 18 pounds 1/2 ounces in a week made upon grass alone. The dam of Melia Ann's King 56581 is Lottie Melia Ann 100775, with a test of 21 pounds 2 ounces from 305 pounds of milk in seven days, her sire being Melia Ann's Stoke Pogis 22042, sire of ten tested cows, among them Pride's Olga fourth 96870, the sweepstakes cow at the Pan-American, whose record of 65 1/4 pounds of milk in one day, 420 pounds 9 ounces in seven days and 27 pounds one-half ounce of butter in a week, is well known, says The Rural New Yorker. The dam of Lottie Melia Ann 100775 is Melia Ann third 68070-375 pounds 8 ounces of milk and 28 pounds 8 ounces of butter in a week. Melia Ann third is a full sister to Melia Ann's Son 22041 and to Melia Ann's Stoke Pogis 22042.



There is a great deal of rough, broken land in western and southwestern Texas that will grow fairly good grass that cannot be successfully cultivated, says Dallas Farm and Ranch. At the same time there are millions of acres in the state that are now being grazed that can be successfully planted and cultivated, at least in forage crops. By increasing the acreage cultivated of these tillable lands their cattle producing capacity will be correspondingly increased. In other words, a given territory with a large percentage cultivated in forage crops will produce, fatten and feed more cattle than will the same amount of similar territory where the native grasses are relied on solely for feed. It usually requires ten acres to the animal to supply feed the year around, when the natural grasses are relied on, while ten acres properly cultivated in forage crops will produce feed enough to carry a half dozen cattle through the winter, and five acres of the same land will carry one animal through the spring, summer and fall. By raising feed and feeding through the winter the ranchman and farmer not only guards against the possibility of loss, but also more than doubles the capacity of his property.

This year's experience of feeders with shredded corn fodder will go a long way toward determining the status of this too much neglected forage, says American Agriculturist. If attention is given to thorough drying before shredding, there can be but little doubt as to the outcome. So far as the careful farmer is concerned, shredded fodder has passed the experimental stage. He knows it is first class rough feed and that if given the proper attention keeps perfectly. However, the average farmer and stockman, with his somewhat careless methods, may not get the best results. But he knows that the fault is his own, and he can remedy it if he will. The conditions are much the same as those confronting a community asking for free rural delivery. The government says, "Provide good roads, and you will get free delivery." Adopt improved methods, and you will get good feed. The results of this season's experience will be awaited with interest.

To Make Corn Crop Profitable.

In the eastern states, where dairymaking is a large industry, more land may be devoted to corn, not for sale or exportation, but to feed on the farm from the silo or as grain to the cattle and hogs and thus save purchasing, says an Ohio farmer in American Agriculturist. For the protein needed to balance the ration clover or alfalfa may be grown for roughage, and soy beans will give the protein concentrate required.

These crops should make the dairy farmer almost independent, as little bran would be required. Then let him breed out his dairy, keeping no cow that does not give over 6,000 pounds of milk or make 300 pounds of butter in a year. Corn, in my opinion, cannot be grown in the middle and eastern states in competition with the great west for shipment. The grain and stover must be utilized on the farm and marketed in live stock or dairy-products to make the corn crop profitable to the farmer of the Ohio valley or the older eastern states.

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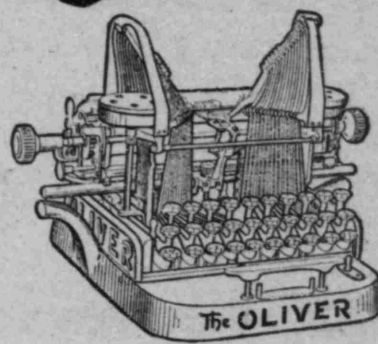
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